

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby amends Chapter 6, “General Pharmacy Practice,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment clarifies the required placement of a notice informing patients that the pharmacist is required to discuss with the patient any new prescriptions dispensed to the patient. The amendment also defines the instances when patient counseling is required.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of Board rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the October 5, 2011, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9787B**. The Board received no written comments regarding the proposed amendment. The adopted amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

The amendment was approved during the November 10, 2011, meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.13.

This amendment will become effective on January 18, 2012.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend rule 657—6.14(155A) as follows:

657—6.14(155A) Patient counseling and instruction. Every general pharmacy located in Iowa shall post in ~~the~~ every prescription pickup area, including in every drive-through prescription pickup lane, in a manner clearly visible to patients, a notice that Iowa law requires the pharmacist to discuss with the patient any new prescriptions dispensed to the patient. The board shall provide a general pharmacy with the required signage. A pharmacy that provides no direct patient access to the pharmacy department, commonly referred to as a “closed-door pharmacy,” shall not be required to post the counseling notice.

6.14(1) Counseling required. Upon receipt of a new prescription drug order, or upon receipt of a change in drug therapy including but not limited to a change of dose, directions, or drug formulation, and following a prospective drug use review pursuant to 657—8.21(155A), a pharmacist shall counsel each patient or patient’s caregiver. An offer to counsel shall not fulfill the requirements of this rule. Patient counseling shall be on matters which, in the pharmacist’s professional judgment, will enhance or optimize drug therapy. Appropriate elements of patient counseling may include:

a. to j. No change.

6.14(2) to 6.14(6) No change.

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